



# **A Lenten Mosaic - Living In Grace Lent 2020**

**Devotion for Tuesday,  
March 17, 2020**

In the Celtic tradition, a *caim* is a sanctuary– an invisible circle of protection, drawn around the body with the hand, to remind one of being safe, even in the darkest times. The term *caim* has also come to be used for Celtic Circle (Or Circling) Prayers which speak of God’s encompassing presence and the many ways God’s grace “encircles” us.

Below you will find some examples of circling prayers. On this St. Patrick’s Day, offer these prayers or write your own Circling Prayer, asking God to surround and envelop you with the gifts of grace you need for this day.

**By Christine Sine**

Circle us, Lord.

Circle the poor with your justice.

Circle the violent with your peace.

Circle the broken with your wholeness.

Circle us, Lord.

Circle us with the wonder of your love,

with the beauty of your creating,

with the glory of your presence.

Circle us, Lord.

One in there, three in One,

Circle us with the joy of your abiding.

## **Anonymous**

Circle me, O God.  
Keep hope within;  
Keep despair without.

Keep peace within;  
Keep worry without.

Keep joy within;  
Keep fear without.

Keep love within;  
Keep hatred without.

Keep strength within;  
Keep weakness without.

Keep light within;  
Keep darkness without. Amen.

## **By Bruce Epperly**

Circle of love,  
Open my heart.  
Circle of wisdom,  
Enlighten my mind.  
Circle of trust,  
Protect my path.  
Circle of healing,  
Grant me new life.

**Psalm 139:1-6, From *The Voice Translation***

O Eternal One, You have explored my heart and know exactly who I am;  
You even know the small details like when I take a seat and when I stand up  
again.

Even when I am far away, You know what I'm thinking.  
You observe my wanderings and my sleeping, my waking and my dreaming,  
and You know everything I do in more detail than even I know.  
You know what I'm going to say long before I say it.

It is true, Eternal One, that You know everything and everyone.  
You have surrounded me on every side, behind me and before me,  
and You have placed Your hand gently on my shoulder.  
It is the most amazing feeling to know how deeply You know me, inside and  
out; the realization of it is so great that I cannot comprehend it.